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BOB MINOR AND ATTORNEY KIDNAPED IN GALLUP

GUNMEN SEIZE WORKING CLASS DEFENSE AIDES

HUNT MEXICAN WORKERS
DOWN AS AUTHORITIES
LAUNCH NEW TERROR

Threaten Deportation

DEPUTY SHERIFF SEIZES
MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE
AS MURDER "CLUE"

BULLETIN

SANTA FE, N. M., May 3.—David Levinson, prominent Philadelphia attorney, and Robert Minor were blackjacked and kidnaped by masked vigilantes at Gallup at 10:45 o'clock last night while interviewing defense witness Julia Bartol, wife of one of the ten framed defendants. The three were conferring in a car parked near the Fred Harvey hotel in the very center of the town of Gallup when three new cars, without license plates, full of well dressed, masked men, stopped on both sides of the parked car. The vigilantes shoved a pistol at the breast of Mrs. Bartol and told her to "shut up, or she would be taken for a ride." They slugged both Minor and Levinson. All three shouted for help but no one paid the slightest attention. The vigilantes then drove off, with Minor and Levinson in their cars.

Mrs. Bartol attempted to follow in her own car but she again was threatened by the hoodlums. She notified members of the Gallup defense committee in the hotel. The police, the sheriff and the attorney general were all notified. All are known to be hostile to the defense.

When last seen the kidnapers were speeding in the direction of the Gallup American Coal Company. The police car was slow in following. Two State Police were ordered to join the search. The Albuquerque Journal radio station was asked to broadcast the news and a description of the cars.

GALLUP, N. M., May 2.—Three more Mexican workers were

Anti-War Leader To Address Mass Meeting In L. A.

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—Waldo McNutt, national organizer, American League Against War and Fascism, will be the principal speaker at a huge mass rally, Saturday eve., May 4, at the Philharmonic Auditorium. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Los Angeles district of the American League.

The immediate purpose of the meeting is to hear reports on the Western Anti-War Congress from the returning Los Angeles delegates and to formulate broad plans for future anti-war and anti-fascist activity in southern California.

L. A. Furniture Workers Strike For Wage Raise

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—More than 250 workers, employed in three furniture factories walked out on strike today, seeking increase in wages and the right of collective bargaining.

Eight other furniture factories granted salary increase of from 25 to 30 per cent, thus preventing about 1500 other workers from joining the strike.

The three plants on strike are C. R. Kayser & Co., Los Angeles Period Furniture Co. and the Machman Spring Corp.

TERROR LAUNCHED AS SAKDAL COUP FAILS IN PHILIPPINES

Growing Movement Against Betrayal of
Freedom Fight By Native Capitalists
Leads to Outbreak Near Manila

MANILA, P. I., May 2.—Attempts of the group led Manuel Quezon, Osmeñas and Aguinaldo to crush the attack of the Sakdalists against them has resulted in at least six dead today while fighting continues in several towns according to the report.

Arrests of many workers are occurring and the ruling clique are using this asserted attempt at a coup to try to crush the movement of the Philippine workers and peasants. From the meagre report on hand it is indicated that the Sakdalists, a national reformist party, which is reputedly backed by Japan and which makes its appeal for mass support by radical phrases and slogans among the workers and peasants, sought to ride to power on the crest of that growing movement against the native capitalists. The premature and treacherous action has resulted in a reign of terror being loosed against the workers and peasants, who, under Communist and left trade union leadership have been carrying on successful strikes in Manila and among the peasants. Through these struggles a successful wave of organization has been building up an increasing strength throughout the islands.

The Sakdalists, opposed to the Quezon-Osmeñas-Aguinaldo sellout to Washington through their servile acceptance of the Tynans-McDuffie bill of so-called independence, have sought to crystallize the anti-imperialist sentiment and against this sellout as a means to put themselves in power.

Severest fighting is reported to be around Santa Rosa, in Laguna province. Communication wires are down at Manila, in preparation for the intended attack, it is averred. United States troops in the vicinity are aiding the government.

Benigno Ramos, Sakdal head, is not in the islands, having been in Japan for the last several months seeking aid. There he is being feted royally.

USSR Purchases 33 More Ships

LONDON, May 2.—The Soviet Union has so far this year bought 33 ships of 88,000 tons from foreign countries, it was made known here recently. Last year a total of 35 ships was bought. Negotiations are now under way with Dutch firms for the purchase of an additional 20 ships for the rapidly growing Soviet merchant fleet.

Murdered Picket Is Buried With Honors On May Day

6000 Workers March In Funeral of
Their Murdered Comrade In Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif., May 1.—Stockton stood still today while organized labor buried one of its heroes.

For two hours nothing moved in the downtown section while 6000 workers marched silently and powerfully through its streets, following the cortege of Ray Morency, striking warehouseman who was murdered on the picket line last Saturday.

Police vanished from sight. Traffic halted, truckmen and others voluntarily stopped their trucks wherever they were for ten minutes of silence in honor, business houses closed. Printers changed their schedules, refusing to work those two hours.

And if there were any vigilantes in the crowd of twelve to fifteen thousand who lined the sidewalks of the three-mile parade, they bared their heads and kept their mouths shut.

ATTORNEY SAYS DYNAMITE PLOT IS FRAME-UP

MASS DEFENSE IS ONLY
HOPE, SAYS MODESTO
LAWYER

Prisoner Interviewed

THREE STOOL-PIGEONS
FOUND TO HAVE BEEN
IN CARS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—In an interview with two representatives of the International Longshoremen's Association and Elaine Black of the International Labor Defense, Thomas Griffin, prominent California lawyer and one-time member of the State Legislature, stated that there was no doubt whatsoever in his mind that the nine now held in Modesto on "dynamite plot" charges are innocent. Griffin said he was positive the whole thing was a frame-up, that the police knew there were stool-pigeons among the men, and Modesto was an ideal territory for such a frame-up because there are no unions there and the country population could

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCILS ENDORSE YOUTH CONGRESS

Democratic Youth Groups to Send
Delegates to Regional Session In
S. F. May 4; Waldo McNutt to Speak

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—The Oakland Central Labor Council has endorsed the calling of the Northern California Regional Youth Congress, and will have delegates present when the session opens this Saturday afternoon, May 4, at 1 o'clock, at 68 Haight Street.

This is the second central labor council to endorse the Congress, similar action having been taken previously by the Central Labor Council of San Jose. The delegates from the Central Labor Council of Santa Maria, present at the Pacific Coast Congress against War and Fascism, have also promised to get the endorsement of their organization.

Representing thousands of young workers in the agricultural fields, delegates from the Fruit and Vegetable Packers' Union at Salinas, San Jose and Santa Maria are also expected at the Congress.

At its general membership meeting Monday night, the rank and file of the Democratic Party of San Francisco endorsed the Congress. Delegates will be present from Democratic Youth groups in

Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose.

One of the main questions confronting the Congress is the problem of mobilizing a united youth anti-war and fascist demonstration May 30, to turn memorial day into anti-war day. This decision has already been adopted on a national scale.

Results of the Northern California Youth Congress will be made known at a mass meeting to be held Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock, at Mission Turner Hall, 3541 18th Street.

Youth speakers will report on the decisions of the Youth Congress, and on the attitude of their various groups to this United Front movement.

Speakers for the meeting, outside of the youth, will be President George Woolf of the Sealers Local, I. L. A., and Senator Culbert Olson.

Saturday evening, a banquet for Youth Congress Delegates and interested outsiders will be held at 68 Haight Street. The banquet starts at 7 P. M.

Write to the C. S. Prisoners

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Your eight comrades who were convicted of conspiracy to commit Criminal Syndicalism in a frame-up trial are now in the penitentiary.

Write to them and visit them whenever you can.

Here are numbers of the men who are in San Quentin: Al Hougardy—No. 57590, Martin Wilson—No. 57591, Pat Chambers—No. 57589, Jack Crane—No. 57605, Norman Mini—No. 57606.

The three girls, Caroline Decker, Lorine Norman, and Nora Conklin are in the Women's State Prison at Tehachapi, Calif., about fifty miles up in the mountains outside Bakersfield. Their numbers will be printed in the next issue.

Adopt one of these prisoners in your organization and write regularly.

You may visit week-days between the hours of 8 a. m. to 3 p. m. at San Quentin. Sunday is visiting day for relatives only, hours 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. Thursday is set aside for visitors who are not visiting inmates, but merely want to see the institution. Visits are limited to one per month for each individual visitor.

We have not yet learned the rules for Tehachapi. These will be printed in the next issue.

Thousands Demonstrate Against War, Hunger In West Coast May 1 Meets

2500 MARCH AND 8000 TAKE
PART IN NOON DEMONSTRATION

Hearst Is Denounced

COMMUNIST PARTY, TRADE
UNIONS AND OTHERS
IN UNITED FRONT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—More than 2500 workers marched from the Embarcadero up Market Street to the Civic Center where approximately 8000 took part in one of the mightiest United Front May Day demonstrations ever witnessed here.

Market Street, traditional stamping ground for Legionnaire and Chamber of Commerce parades echoed to the shouts of thousands as the parade passed Hearst's Examiner Building at Third Street. Blistering anti-Hearst, anti-fascist slogans brought scores of exploited Hearst employees crowding to the windows. One Hearst worker risked loss of his job by waving revolutionary greetings to the workers in the street.

The Communist Party, the International Labor Defense, American Federation of Labor trade unions, language groups and scores of other working-class organizations were represented at the Marshall Green demonstration.

A mighty roar of approval accompanied by a sea of raised fists greeted Anna Mooney as she brought to the workers revolutionary greetings of solidarity from her brother Tom who has spent nineteen years of his life in a San Quentin cell, a victim of boss-class justice.

More than \$161 were contributed by the workers, mostly in the form of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Scores of banners and placards denouncing the injustices of the capitalist system and demanding relief and freedom demonstrated clearly that suppression and capitalist terror are building class-conscious fighters in the ranks of the workers.

Speakers included Lawrence Ross of the Communist Party, Charles Gordon of the I.L.D., Pete Garcia of the Sealers Union, Local 38-100, I.L.A., Dave Lyon of the Young Communist League, and representatives from the United Front Committee For Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, from the Chinese Anti-Imperialist League and from the Japanese workers.

Resolutions were passed condemning the fascist anti-labor bills now before the State Legislature, Hearst and demanding the freedom of Tom Mooney and all other class struggle prisoners.

Down to the struck warehouses they marched along Weber ave. where the picket lines patrolled, they grimly passed the spot at Weber and Center where four strikers held a big flag over the spot where Morency was shot down.

The County Courthouse was silent and deserted as the funeral marched past. Gray, the murderer had been taken away, reputedly to a jail in another county. But the men doubted that he was in custody anywhere. Remembering

the whitewashings of the Pixley murderers, "he won't get away with it," they told themselves. Gray's family also have fled the county, under police escort.

The Grand Jury is to meet tomorrow at which time a murder indictment against Gray will be sought.

At the cemetery a brief prayer, a salute of honor from a squad from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and then a long line marched single file past the casket and away. There was no long ceremony on the faces of these who filed past it was clear none was necessary.

The clenched fists, the set jaws said plainly for all to read: "Good-bye, Ray. We're going back now and win that strike for you."

New York Workers Hit "New Deal" In May First Parade

150,000 MARCHERS SPLIT
IN TWO COLUMNS BY
SOCALIST TACTIC

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 1.—Approximately 150,000 workers marched in Communist and Socialist May Day demonstrations here. Socialist Party leaders refused to allow New York members to join with the Communist Party in one big United Front march and meeting.

Forty bands provided music for the Communist Party United Front march. The parade was swelled by the last minute vote of 500 members of the Dining Car Employees Union, A. F. of L., to join ranks with the Communist workers.

More than 300 members of the newly formed League of American Writers marched in one section of the parade. Scores of colorful floats satirized the "New Deal" and the LaGuardia administration.

VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 1.—At least 20 deep water ships of the Vancouver and District were tied up here while members Waterfront Workers' Association downed tools to participate in the May Day demonstration in which more than 15,000 workers took part.

Marchers protested rotten conditions in British Columbia relief camps in which a series of strikes is now taking place.

BOSTON

BOSTON, Mass., May 1.—Attempts of fascist sympathizers and other hoodlums to smash May Day parade here were unsuccessful as more than 1,000 workers marched to Boston Commons to protest against imperialist wars, hunger and fascist terror.

WASHINGTON

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Oakland workers carried through their United Front parade as scheduled; with workers from 11 Public Works and Unemployed Union Locals, from the Bond Street Epic Club, the Production for Use Club, Finnish Workers Club and many others, marching.

The afternoon indoor rally lasted two hours, with speakers from all the participating organizations giving greetings. Benjamin Ellisberg was the principal speaker at a May Day banquet in the evening.

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7000 ATTEND L. A. PLAZA
DEMONSTRATION DESPITE
POLICE INTIMIDATION

Red Squad Turns Out

EAST BAY WORKERS WIN
LAST MINUTE PERMIT
TO PARADE

LOS ANGELES, May 1.—More than 7000 workers gathered in the Plaza at noon today in a united front celebration of May Day.

Originally denied a permit for a loud-speaker system, mass pressure at the last minute forced police to grant the right to use amplifying devices. It had been widely published that the so-called "loyalty luncheon" sponsored by the Hearst press and the Chamber of Commerce, had been permitted to use loud-speakers.

More than 100 police and red squad men were present, armed with night sticks, despite Chief Davis' public announcement that they would not carry clubs. There were more than 30 speakers.

John Leech, secretary of the Los Angeles Section, Communist Party, was one of the principal speakers. When he prophesied a Soviet America, tumultuous applause forced him to stop his speech momentarily.

Mrs. Clara Lee Purdy, unemployed leader, exposed the motives back of the so-called "chiseling" campaign of the S.E.R.A.

There were greeters present from the Painters, Carpenters and other A. F. of L. unions, including a striker from the Shippers and Sealers.

Wm. Sherwood, recently ousted from the Socialist Party because of his militancy and ex-convict of the united front, spoke briefly.

Rudy Lambert, world war veteran, presided.

Resolutions were unanimously passed demanding freedom for Tom Mooney, Warren K. Billings and all class-war prisoners; repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law; passage of state and federal unemployment insurance bills now pending, A. B. 791 and H. R. 2827; unconditional release of the Scottsboro boys.

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L.A. SERA Union Wins All Demands And Recognition

63 DELEGATES FROM ALL LOCALS FORCE REAL VICTORY

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—Smashing victories for the unemployed were made today by the Public Works Unemployed League which, through 63 delegates representing every local in the county, "went to bat" against the relief officials and won more than fifty separate mass grievances.

Originally denying admittance to the entire delegation, Roy Pilling, LECRA head, finally agreed to meet the entire mass delegation and found a large conference room for the purpose. This after he had insisted he would talk only to a subcommittee of five, which the committee of 63 refused to name.

Calling upon Pilling and his assistant, Pilling, at 10 this morning, the committee stayed with the SERA officials until 2 this afternoon.

Notable among the gains made were:

- 1.—General recognition of all grievance committees.
- 2.—Right of unemployed delegates to sit in whenever new developments or proposed new rulings in relief are coming up.
- 3.—Recognition of SERA workers right to refuse working with unpaid prison labor.
- 4.—Promise of immediate action against one foreman for discrimination against Negroes, Mexicans and other foreign-born workers.
- 5.—A slight increase in work relief budgets.

6.—Agreement that the proposed pauper oath will be presented to the PWUL for critical examination by PWUL attorneys before the document is circulated among SERA clients.

7.—No discrimination on budgets, either as to categories or districts of the city or county.

8.—Medical, dental and optical care for all SERA clients.

9.—Recognition of SERA workers to refuse to work on projects unreasonably far from places of residence.

10.—Recognition that SERA workers must not be used to scab or beat down employed workers wages, or be forced to take such jobs under threat of being taken off relief rolls.

The delegation was led by Dr. J. E. Price, county leader of the P. W. U. L. and Mrs. Purdy, with J. W. U. L. leader of the P. W. U. L. who put the county board of supervisors on the spot a few weeks ago.

Labor Fights SERA Policy Of Forcing Mexicans to Starve

COSTA MESA CLUB PRINTS OWN PAPER TO COMBAT CAPITALIST LIES

COSTA MESA, Calif., April 30.—The Workers Club of the Harbor District, which includes Costa Mesa, Bala, Newport and Corona Del Mar, an organization with 175 members, is now engaged in waging a struggle against the difference in SERA benefits received by Mexicans and those received by Americans. The Mexicans complain that they are being taken off relief and put on private agricultural work for 25 cents an hour. One Mexican member, with ten children, complains that he receives \$15 a week. His youngest child, 18 months old, lives on cornmeal, tortillas and beans, never getting oranges, juice or milk. Many Mexicans have been arbitrarily removed from relief lists and are virtually starving.

The W. U. C. is settled by the club, in a room on 31st and 1st blind woman and her crippled 10-year old husband were found starving on a weekly budget of \$1.77 has been partially adjusted. The budget was raised to \$2.65, but a housekeeper was engaged by the county to take care of the homeless couple.

Upton Sinclair Plans To Spread Epic Movement

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—Upton Sinclair, who "captured" the Democratic Party of California last year, now proposes to "capture" the party nationally, according to a statement made to a group of 90 Epic club assembly secretaries. The secretaries met here to plan an agenda for a California Epic convention May 17-19, incl.

Sinclair insisted that his plan was preferable to trying to organize any third party. One delegate will be seated as a representative for each 50 Epic club members, it was agreed by the pre-convention group.

SERA To Aid Big Farmers By Housing Workers In Shacks

PESCADERO WORKERS HOMELESS

PESCADERO, Calif., May 2.—SERA officials here saw a chance to do the big ranchers a favor when they offered to build a number of shacks and hovel to house the hundreds of pea pickers and other agricultural workers now in the section looking for work.

However, the ranch owners, to whose interest it is to keep the conditions of the workers as miserable as possible, refused to allow the SERA to go ahead with its plan.

Workers are forced to live in tent and makeshift shacks, many of them "camping" in the open. They are paid barely enough to buy food and cannot afford to rent or buy decent living quarters.

Suit For Damages In Vigilante Raids

RICHMOND, Calif., May 2.—W. J. Prater's damages suit against the City of Richmond for the vigilante raids on his home and place of business last July will be heard in Judge Camacho's court on Tuesday, May 7. While squads of Richmond police, armed with shotguns and making no effort to stop the vigilante hoodlums during last summer's terror Prater's photographic studio was added and snatched and his telephones, including valuable photographic equipment was damaged seriously or even destroyed.

Santa Ana Workers Club Building For United Front Meet

DISRUPTER EXPELLED FOR OPPOSING SALE OF LITERATURE

SANTA ANA, Calif., May 2nd.—The path of the disrupter is hard these days at the Santa Ana Workers' Club. Following a two months battle which began almost with the organization of the unemployed council, the rank and file accepted the resignation of Ray Thomas as president. Thomas, who had claimed to be an earnest and honest worker for the cause of the SERA unemployed, was accused of having blocked many moves to improve the condition of the club members through the club grievance committee, which meets weekly with Terence Halloran, county SERA administrator.

The climax came when Thomas accepted a position as grievance interviewer in the SERA administration office where he told workers to come to him personally before submitting them to the club. As a result, he compromised the position in the club in the mind of many members, who are said to have alleged that Thomas was using the club to promote his personal fortunes.

Thomas' resignation came following his opposition to the sale of working class literature in the club. When the issue was pressed, he opposed the sale. During the dispute on the floor he offered to resign. His resignation was accepted by the membership with alacrity.

Meantime the club, which is based on the San Bernardino model, goes ahead. It has over 225 members and is successfully adjusting grievances weekly. It has two members, Myron Meric and Thomas Welch to the Congress Against War and Fascism at San Francisco and will sponsor a huge United Front May Day demonstration in Santa Ana during May, at which Epics, Utopians, trade unionists, Communists and Mexican agricultural workers will speak against anti-working class legislation.

Hungarian Garment Workers Win Strike

BUDAPEST, May 3.—Hungarian workers went back to work after winning part of their demands in a three-day strike here.

WORK PROGRAM IGNORES HALF OF "EMPLOYABLES" ON RELIEF

28c A Day To Each Person On Relief; Number Of Listed "Employables" Cut In Half

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The approach of the time when the Roosevelt work relief program goes into effect raises in the workers' mind the question, what will it do for me? President Roosevelt himself proposes to give jobs to 3,500,000.

This is totally inadequate, as shown by figures released by Relief Administrator Hopkins on March 7. Then there were 5,433,000 cases, including in all 20,500,000 persons on relief. This included 4,533,000 families, 700,000 single persons, 40,000 teachers, 100,000 college students, and about 70,000 receiving aid through "rural rehabilitation" program.

Employables Left Out

President Roosevelt declared in January that only 3,500,000 "employables" were on relief. To arrive at this figure, relief officials were required to subtract half of those who were really on the lists as employable. They subtracted as follows:

1.—those who have a little work but are still in need of relief because earnings are so small;

Supervisors Delay C. S. Law Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Open hearing on the proposed resolution of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemning the Criminal Syndicalism Law and urging passage of Bill 419 for the repeal of the law, was postponed today until next Monday, at 3:30 p. m.

Workers are urged to pack the Supervisors' Chambers at that time. Speakers for and against the resolution will present their arguments before the Board makes its decision.

Soviet Kids Get More Bicycles

MOSCOW, May 3.—The Soviet bicycle factories in Moscow, Kharkov, and Penza expect to produce 350,000 bicycles this year, 75,000 more than a year ago.

2.—employable farmers on relief in rural areas;

3.—those in families, on relief, having more than one wage earner.

4.—those who were labelled as disabled though previously counted as employable.

Thus, the original estimate of over 7,000,000 employable workers on relief was reduced to support the Roosevelt figure of 3,500,000.

28c A Day

Under Roosevelt's proposal of 3,500,000 workers at \$50 a month, there will be available to the 20,500,000 persons on relief approximately 28c per person per day.

Roosevelt's program provides work for not over half the employables on relief, and perhaps a quarter of the unemployed as a whole, and gives to each man, woman, and child in destitute circumstances the sum of 28c each day, out of which to pay for their rent, clothing, shelter, light, heat, food, medicine, and their cultural and recreational necessities.

L. A. Carpenters Threaten Strike

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—Negotiations have been started between the carpenters union and mill and cabinet shop owners, according to Dr. Towne Nylander of the Federal Labor Board to avert a threatened strike.

The Carpenters' District Council says the union seeks a wage scale of \$1.16-2.3 an hour and a thirty-hour week. More than 300 mills, employing several thousand workers are involved in the threatened strike.

Baku Oil Workers Drill 50 Miles

BAKU, USSR, May 3.—The Baku oil workers are celebrating the completion of their greatest achievement. In March they drilled fifty miles of oil wells, a figure in excess of any previous month's achievement.

White Workers Join Negroes In Protest Of Jim-Crowism

TRANSIENT CAMP HEADS FORCE NEGROES OFF ALASKA PROJECT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Eight Negro transient workers and scores of white workers today faced forced shipment back to various labor camps as a result of their militant protest against discrimination by Transient Camp officials who refused to allow Negroes to join the expedition now being sent to Alaska to prepare ground for the Government's peon colony soon to be established in Manatouska Valley.

Although the Negro workers consistently had demanded the right to apply for membership in the Alaska expedition, officials here stubbornly rejected their demands. Written applications by at least three of the Negroes were marked "colored" and filed by transient-relief authorities here.

When first brought here, the workers were put up at the Seaside Hotel on the Embarcadero. Later they were transferred to the Ninth Street Transient Shelter. Other workers, most of them white, were also lodged at the shelter, preparatory to being sent with the Alaska crew.

When the white workers heard of the discrimination practiced against the Negroes, they flatly refused to be shipped out unless the Negro workers were also taken. Fearing further publicity and the possibility of a strike, transient relief officials late Sunday decided they would ship the entire crew back to the camps from which they had originally been recruited.

Can You Answer These Questions?

ANSWER ON PAGE 5

- 1.—What is a Plenum?
- 2.—What is a Presidium?
- 3.—What is the Proletariat?
- 4.—What is a Social Fascist?
- 5.—What is White Chauvinism?

"COLD STEEL" AGAINST WORKERS ASKED BY NAT'L GUARD LEADER

General Seth Howard Admits Arming Men Against Regulations Of The National Guard

Properly to protect California's wealthy property owners against militant workers, Brigadier General Seth E. Howard, according to New Republic (March 13, 1935) assured the House subcommittee in hearing on the War Department bill:

"It must be with a rifle and a bayonet, cold steel . . ."

Explaining further, the Brigadier General, who is responsible for the California National Guard, declared:

"Troops to be effective must be armed with rifles, because a pistol is no arm to place in the hands of troops with these groups of disturbers that we are confronted with in the country today. Neither are clubs."

He admitted that he was giving rifles to the coast artillery, training the men to use them. "If we get medical units, we will give them rifles and make riflemen out of them too," the Brigadier General confessed, adding:

"I want to advise you that to day I have my troops under arms, in violation, possibly, of the regulations of the National Guard Bureau. But it is necessary for us to have our picked men with their uniforms and rifles, at their homes in Sacramento. I have two companies on guard, and the city and county authorities have increased their force by 300 or 400 per cent."

Brutal suppression of workers' militant struggles against the intolerable conditions imposed by NIRA is clearly a part of the capitalist program for driving down the standard of living of the masses. Governor Eugene F. Cullen, declaring martial law on March 5, 1935, ordered seven companies of picked National Guardsmen against striking workers of the nine mills of the Callaway Mills, in the Manchester and La Grange areas of Georgia. And in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., martial law was declared by Governor Tom Berry, (March 10, 1935), who sent five detachments of National Guardsmen armed with machine guns and tear gas against striking workers of the John Morrell & Co. meat packers.

STATE WELFARE BOARD HAS SAN DIEGO FASCIST

MERRIAM APPOINTEE IS WELL KNOWN ITALIAN FASCIST

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 30.—Dr. Frank B. Gigliotti, whom Gov. Merriam appointed a member of the State Welfare Board last week, is well-known to the workers of San Diego and vicinity.

TRADE UNION NEWS, the AFL rank and file paper published here, lists him in its gallery of Fascist rats. He belongs to the Better American Federation, the Republican League, the American Legion in which he is a "big shot" and is actively connected with the fascist movement in San Diego. He has spoken often against the working class at meetings of the reactionary groups, and has also spoken before the League Against Communism.

Connected with the Italian Education Society of San Diego, it was Dr. Gigliotti who last March officiated at the Fascist ceremony of the house warming of the Casa Italiana of the House of Pacific Relations at the Exposition ground. At this ceremony Gigliotti represented officially the fascist anti-working class government of Italy. The bloody flag of Mussolini was raised over the Exposition and the keys of the Casa Italiana were presented to Gigliotti the Fascist by the Exposition officials.

SERA Refuses Pay On Sutro Project

"OVERDRAWN BUDGET" IS REASON GIVEN FOR NOT PAYING

By SERA Worker.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—At the Sutro Forest, 200 men were refused their pay checks for work already done recently. In place of the checks they received white slips telling them to report to their visitors.

When the men heard of this raw deal, they began talking to gether and made a lot of noise, so the authorities sent for a bunch of cops to see that the workers didn't kick about the kind of treatment they were getting.

The pay checks were refused on the claim that the workers had overdrawn their budgets and could not get paid for the work they had done. Apparently the idea is that the men must suffer for the mistakes the SERA heads make, while the Davis gang continues to steal something to supplement their handsome salaries.

In spite of intimidation the men are beginning to get together, and with the help of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, they are determined to improve their conditions.

A few weeks ago the splitting blocks on the job were only three or four feet apart, which was too close for safety. Now, through the PWU, they have been placed nine feet apart. The men are determined that their lives shall not be endangered by the negligence of the safety engineers.

Soviet Cigarette Production Grows

MOSCOW, May 3.—The cigarette industry in the Soviet Union is supplying an increasing amount of cigarettes to Soviet smokers. Twenty billion cigarettes were produced in three months this year, completing the plan for the first quarter in full and supplying three billion more cigarettes than for the same period a year ago.

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From The Worker Correspondents

UNDERPAID SAN DIEGO SERA MEN SLAVE AS COSTLY FLEET ANCHORS

Relief Budget Cut But Government Sinks \$21,000,000 In One Aircraft Carrier

By P. D.
SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 30.—Approximately \$100,000,000 floated in the ocean off North Island last week. About half of these millions floated into San Diego harbor.

About 2000 SERA workers employed on waterfront projects watched the costly battleships floating by and many swore and pulled their belts a notch tighter.

About \$21,000,000 worth of slaughter machinery finally floated up to the dock at the naval station on North Island and 1500 civilian workers at the Rockwell air depot on the island were on hand to watch the anchoring of this costly war equipment.

The new ships included the Ranger, aircraft carrier which alone cost \$21,000,000 to build; three destroyers, the Memphis, New Orleans and the Tuscaloosa; two "fast pocket" cruisers, the Dewey and the Farragut, and the submarine Cuttlefish.

The following comparison should interest all SERA workers, but in particular, those who saw the fleet arrive last week. Seven naval vessels cost \$100,000,000, but the entire cost of the government's relief expenditures in California for the year ending February, 1935, amounted to but \$35,046,826.

The millions of unemployed workers and SERA workers whose budgets are being continuously reduced to help pay for these floating war machines—should join with thousands of others in the same plight who are fighting in the ranks of the American League Against War and Fascism, against these monstrous expenditures for war purposes.

Relief Worker Asks What Became Of All The Wood At Sutro

MEN ON PROJECT BECOME SUSPICIOUS WHEN MANY ARE TRANSFERRED

By An SERA Worker
SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—The SERA officials have promised a thorough investigation of the wood stealing at Sutro Forest but they are more than a week too late.

Why were 45 truck swimmers transferred from Sutro forest the night of April 19? Maybe this was a move to keep the workers from knowing or telling where the wood was delivered. Why was a coal truck allowed to haul four foot wood out of Sutro Forest day after day? Maybe the owners of the coal truck own some timber there—but I doubt it.

At the present time they are transferring men away from Sutro Forest—several hundred—in the past month or so—but they are putting a lot of new men to work on the project. This looks like a move to save a few of the high flunkys—another move to white-wash the big shots.

The Public Works and Unemployed Union should demand that all official jobs should be taken out of the hands of the politicians and put into the hands of the workers themselves. We should demand the right to elect neighborhood committees to sit with the officials to distribute the food and clothing orders and see that these things are not sold.

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SERA Office Workers Form Militant Union In Alameda County

By An SERA Worker
OAKLAND, Calif., April 30.—An SERA administrative Workers Union has been formed in Alameda County, with 40 social workers, clerks, stenographers, typists, etc., present at the second meeting. The main demands are, for security of jobs, against discrimination, against heavy case-loads, and against overtime.

Prior to the formation of the union, social workers in one district signed a petition demanding removal of their supervisor, Miss Allen who had been transferred onto SERA from the county charities setup. She had treated the unemployed "clients" and the social workers under her in a humiliating manner. Four days after the petition was handed in she was fired.

This example heartened the formation of the union and the rest of the SERA office workers moved to organize and a meeting was called. The administration had some of the supervisors warn the workers not to attend the first meeting, but after it was held a committee from the union visited Charles Roeth, Director of Alameda County SERA and asked for his endorsement. He refused, but they did win the right to post union bulletins on the office bulletin boards.

4000 Flock To Workers' Picnic

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—More than 4000 workers attended the annual May Picnic, held yesterday at Royal Palms Grove, San Pedro.

Mass singing, games and drills by the Pioneers were on the program. Speaking was limited to one talk by Harold J. Ashe, representing the Los Angeles Section, Communist Party.

SERA Relief Czar Burned In Effigy

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The men on the Lake Merced SERA project today went through the ceremony of digging a grave for Paul Davis, ex-czar of San Francisco relief, and burning both him and Mr. Ains, foreman of the Lake Merced project, in effigy.

They formally named Lake Merced "SERA Cemetery No. One", and pinned a tag on Davis' effigy reading, "As you have lived, you shall die."

They did it all on SERA time.

Mission P. W. Union Wins Grievances

By a Worker Correspondent.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—A grievance committee from the Mission Local of the Public Works and Unemployed Union went to Mrs. Montegriffo's office at State Relief Headquarters, 49 Fourth Street with two cases this week. Mr. Harrington, who had his lights and gas shut off four months ago. The grievance committee demanded they be turned back on immediately and a report on the case is expected this week.

A man and his wife came to the PWU office after they had failed to get their check for over a month after they had been promised one by their visitor, Mrs. Montegriffo was forced to admit they were both too old to be on work relief so they will get all their back pay and back rent now.

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New Jobless Unions Built In East Bay

SAN LEANDRO GROUP IS FORMED AFTER FIGHT FOR MEETING PLACE

By a Worker Correspondent.
OAKLAND, Cal., April 29.—The Public Works and Unemployed Union in the East Bay has, in the last three weeks, established three new locals. One in particular is noteworthy—it is in San Leandro.

Some time ago an article was printed in the Western Worker telling how the city fathers of San Leandro had taken special pains to prevent the P. W. U. from coming to their "Cherry City." They had charged the brother members who made application for a school building for meetings, with being Communists—therefore, they reasoned, the P. W. U. must be a Communist organization and thus there could be no permit for them to use the good American School for their meetings.

A committee worked diligently to get the school but all attempts were of no avail. Then, finally it was decided to make application for the High School, which was some distance from the center of San Leandro and therefore not in the best location. Yet, as a last resort, it was decided to try.

We are pleased to say we got the High School, as it is not under the jurisdiction of the San Leandro "officials." Our first meeting was well attended. Officers and grievance committee were elected. This new local is composed of people who appear to have been well-to-do. About one third of the members are Spanish workers who know what it means to struggle.

East of the Rockies

Stop Illinois Relief To Force Up Sales Tax

CHICAGO, Ill., May 3.—1,000,000 destitute persons in Illinois have been cut off Federal relief by order of the Illinois Relief Commission. FERA Administrator Hopkins demands that the State provide \$3,000,000 a month toward relief costs, and Illinois bankers and politicians are endeavoring to raise the state sales tax from 2 cents to 3 cents, rather than see taxes on incomes and profits go up. Mass resistance has prevented this increase in taxation on the poor; and the stopping of all relief is an attempt to railroad it through on the wave of struggle and resentment such as mass starvation will bring. The Communist Party issued a call to Illinois workers to turn out in tens of thousands in May Day demonstrations to protest the stopping of relief and the threatened rise in the sales tax.

N. J. Farm Workers Union Prepares Fight

BRIDGEPORT, N. J., May 3.—A South Jersey Conference on Farm Wages, called by the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union and the unemployed division of the Associated Industrial Workers has just adjourned after setting a wage scale for farm workers and laying plans to enforce the scale. The agricultural section of the C. & A. W. I. U. announced that the American Federation of Labor had granted them a charter, No. 10996. Plans were laid for lining up the small farmers and the small business men with the Union in a common fight against the big farmers and banks. More than a third of the delegates to the conference were Negroes.

Chevrolet Strikers Picket 24 Hrs. a Day

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 3.—William S. Knudson, executive vice-president of the General Motors Corporation, has absolutely refused to reopen negotiations with the 2300 striking Chevrolet workers here. He declared the walk-out to be "an arbitrary and lawless act." The strike committee stated that the plant will not be allowed to be reopened until a satisfactory agreement is signed, and 24-hour picketing keeps the plant at a standstill.

Writer In Jail Gives To Scottsboro Fund

NEW YORK, May 3.—The International Labor Defense has received a contribution of \$1 for the \$20,000 Scottsboro Defense Fund from Lawrence Maynard, who is serving a sentence at State Prison Farm No. 2 at Joliet, Ill. Maynard, a young writer, apologizes for the smallness of the contribution, saying: "I earn an average of about \$1.50 a month. One-fifth of this must go into a savings account, which is given to me when I am released. The rest goes for a little tobacco, sugar, matches, etc. I gave these up for several months in order to subscribe to the New Masses."

"I have had some success with my literary work in the past, although a combination of the depression, my imprisonment, and my sharp turn to the Left, has kept me out of the magazines for some time."

\$800,000 Cost To Pass 1200 New State Laws

LEGISLATORS UNABLE TO AGREE ON TAX INCREASES

SACRAMENTO, April 28.—The legislators are resting from their unsuccessful efforts to balance the budget or accomplish anything worth a hill of beans. It is expected, however, that by the end of the session, during interval between drinking bouts, they will find time to pass over 1200 laws at a cost of \$609,500 a law, or over \$800,000 altogether.

This does not mean what the laws will cost to enforce. It is merely routine red tape expenditures in getting the law passed. After they are passed the expense to the people in the form of appropriations to special minorities begins. Only the most charitable person can claim that over one bill in ten calls for a worthwhile expenditure.

No worthless are most of the bills presented that approximately two-thirds, or nearly 2500 bills, will be killed this session. In view of the eagerness of legislators to gain support for their own particular grafts by voting for the other fellow's brand, the bill has to be pretty worthless to get rejected.

* Tax Measures.

The most important question confronting the legislature, which has not yet been solved, is the tax program. Merriam's original \$154,000,000 tax increase was too raw for even the present reactionary legislators to accept. They are seeking to put through a compromise plan of \$105,000,000 which will not damage the rich man, but will at the same time cause a little less resentment from the workers who bear the brunt of taxation, especially through the notorious sales tax.

Soviet Union Crop Outlook Favorable

MOSCOW, May 3.—Early reports indicate an excellent harvest in the Soviet Union. In the Dnepropetrovsk province of the Ukraine, which suffered from dry weather last year, spring planting began March 20 and by April 1 all the early spring crops were planted in full, fifteen days ahead of last year. Most collective farms completed the planting in a period of six days on tractor plowed lands, and the crops were sown almost entirely by modern seed drills.

Freedom of C. S. Prisoners Demanded

4000 Ask Repeal Of CS Law at S. F. May First Meeting

62 GROUPS REPRESENTED IN UNITED FIGHT ON ANTI-LABOR LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Approximately 4000 people—Communists, Utopians, Democrats, Epics and workers of all shades of opinion—attended the United Front May Day mass meeting held at Dreamland Auditorium here last night under the auspices of the California State Conference for United Action Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

It was the second such meeting held by the Conference in the struggle to wipe the vicious, anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act from the statute books of California. Represented in the Conference were 21 American Federation of Labor locals, 7 independent labor unions, 10 political organizations, 3 church groups, 7 social action groups and 14 fraternal and other organizations, making in all a total of 62 independent organizations.

From beginning to end the meeting was exceptionally enthusiastic. Approximately \$647 were taken up in the collection and from the sale of tickets.

William Mosley Jones, Democratic floor leader in the California State Assembly and sponsor of A. B. 419, the bill to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act, was unable to appear but sent a telegram promising that a fight would be made to introduce A. B. 419 on the Assembly floor and calling upon all workers to demand their assemblymen support the fight to act action on the bill.

Sam Dorey, organizer of the Communist Party, Dist. 13, spoke on the question of the United Front and its relation to a mass labor party. "Few of us," he declared, "have seen a May Day on which we have more cause for thought than May Day, 1935."

"Let us consolidate our movement," was the gist of his appeal. "It is with a spirit of sincerity that we must all approach our problems today. Then we can form a common party of labor."

George Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union, A. F. of L., was indisposed and unable to talk as per schedule. Celeste Strack, leader of the U. C. L. A. student anti-war strike also was unable to appear.

A dramatic reproduction of the actual scenes in Judge Lemmon's Court during the Sacramento frame-up, was presented by the New Theater Group of San Francisco. Harry Collette, one of the freed Sacramento defendants read a message from the eight who were convicted and who now are in prison pending appeal or setting of bail.

Resolutions were passed demanding the State set bail for these comrades, demanding adoption of A. B. 419, freedom for Tom Mooney and the release of the Gallup victims. The fascist William Randolph Hearst was condemned and booed for his red-baiting and his vicious lies.

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Anita Whitney

Relief for our class-war prisoners is an ever present and an increasingly difficult problem for the International Labor Defense. Every one of us who are sitting quietly in the rear of our fighting forces should make it our problem also and see that the militant men and women bearing the brunt of the blows from the capitalist forces have prison relief and that their families are not forgotten. The National office is publishing a monthly Bulletin, "Voices from Prison," which sells for 2 cents. Get this Bulletin to you will know the story of our class-war prisoners, and then you will realize how important to the movement prisoners' relief is.

* San Quentin.

Word comes from San Quentin that the cells of all prisoners suspected of radical tendencies have been searched and much valuable literature confiscated. Not only works of Marx and Lenin, but even such books as Lincoln Steffens' biography and Dreiser's novels. Get your organization to protest such high-handed proceedings on the part of the prison officials.

* Birthdays.

Our oldest class-war prisoner, J. B. McNamara, is to have a birthday on June 2. Be sure that he has greetings on that day.

On June 28 the International Labor Defense will celebrate its tenth anniversary. We must make it a big day in working class history. Its work is not only defense of militant workers arrested in strikes and other struggles for better conditions, but, in its defense of Angelo Herndon and the Scottsboro boys, it has exposed to the eyes of the world the viciousness of race hatred and lynch terror and has organized worldwide mass protests against such conditions. It is active in the work of repealing anti-labor legislation, such as the Criminal Syndicalism law, the laws for the deportation of the foreign-born, etc.

* Pamphlets and Postcards.

It has issued a little leaflet, "What to Do When Held for Deportation." This leaflet should have wide distribution among the foreign-born, particularly where workers are on strike and on the picket line. It may save many a worker from long and tedious proceedings with the immigration officers, if not from actual deportation.

You can get this leaflet at Headquarters; also postcard photographs of the Scottsboro boys which sell for ten cents, BUT—the proceeds will swell their defense fund. Also please, PLEASE, bring in at once all the money you have raised from the sale of Scottsboro stamps. An urgent appeal for funds is coming from the national office. More stamps will be furnished if you will keep on selling them. Almost every one will buy them at five cents to insure the freedom of those boys.

* Local Cages.

The cases of Leo Gallagher, Elaine Black, Paula Norton, Edw.

Hill, Edw. Johnson, and others, on charges of inciting to riot and disturbing the peace, will be heard before Judge Lazarus on Tuesday, May 7, at 10 o'clock. Pack the courtroom.

The cases of John Morgan, Ed. Bower, Clarence Osborne, and Sam McKay, arrested in Columbia Park on March 31 and charged with refusing to move on, were dismissed without trial on April 30th.

On April 29 the arguments were submitted in the Chandler civil suit on the charge of false arrest before Judge Griffin (of Mooney fame), and the Judge now has the case under advisement. The case involving the destruction of their personal belongings comes up on May 28 before Judge Deasy's Municipal Court at the City Hall.

On Monday, May 6, at 3 p. m., a hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors on an endorsement for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

* Della Dale Protest.

A committee appeared before Chief of Police Quinn on the 29th to protest the one-sided investigation made by the chief against the beating of Della Dale at the Ellis Street police station. The chief was quite satisfied with the report of his officers and evinced surprise that any one should consider it necessary to take into account the testimony of any witnesses other than the police. Steps are being taken to demand an open hearing before the Police Commission.

Witnesses Needed

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.

—Anyone who witnessed the arrest of Leo Gallagher, Elaine Black, Edward Johnson, Paula Norton and others in Mission (Dolores) Park on Sunday, March 17, around 1 p. m. should report to the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market st., Room 410, Underhill 3425 at once. The arrests occurred when a free speech meeting was broken up by police.

The trial starts Tuesday at 10 a. m., May 7, before Judge Lazarus, Hall of Justice, second floor. Pack the court room.

These ten workers face from 1 to 5 years for rioting and six months on disturbing the peace. Your testimony may save them from this frame-up.

Italy Launches Two Submarine

ROME, May 3.—Italy recently launched two of the latest type submarines to carry on Mussolini's war program. At the same time, it was learned here, Japan has just launched a mine layer of 1400 tons capacity.

An explosion in a dynamite factory in Turin, which was busy turning out war explosives, killed seven workers recently.

Millions Pack Red Square As Moscow Celebrates May 1

VOROSHILOV WARNS WAR MONGERS AS RED ARMY PASSES IN REVIEW

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., May 1.—Millions of laughing, singing workers jammed the Red Square here today in a mighty May First demonstration of international proletarian solidarity.

Although it was day of celebration, the ever-present danger of an imperialist attack upon the workers' fatherland was not forgotten as the mighty Red Army marched through the square and 700 airplanes roared overhead in a fitting answer to the threats of the Nazi Hitler and other capitalist war-mongers.

Comrade Klement Voroshilov, commissar of defense, declared "If war is imposed upon us, the enemy will get acquainted with our Red Army. Our country is doing everything possible to prevent war, and our strong army seems to be the best argument to this end."

Joseph Stalin, Secretary of the Communist Party of the U. S. S. R., waved and smiled from a reviewer's stand atop the tomb of Lenin. Long after the marchers had disbanded, hundreds of thousands of Soviet citizens streamed into the Red Square in joyous celebration of another year of victory for the proletarian revolution.

GERMANY

BERLIN, May 1.—Adolph Hitler, bareheaded and frantic, hoarsely and futilely attempted to explain away the German economic crisis and his own war-mongering to hundreds of thousands of Nazi supporters who had gathered in the Tempelhof airfield here.

Little applause greeted his desperate self-logic. The main part of his talk dealt with the necessity for "national unity." He declared the Nazis "are one people as ordained by God."

In Munich, Hitler's home town, special May Day services in the Nazi style, unceremoniously were cancelled as workers failed to show up at the rallying points from which they were expected to march.

FRANCE

PARIS, France, May 1.—Quiet meetings in celebration of May First were held all over France despite police terror and obvious attempts at provocation. Socialists and Communists participated in several sections of the country. Police had banned all open air demonstrations.

BULGARIA

ENINA, Bulgaria, May 1.—Fascist police fired upon workers demonstrating here and ten were wounded. One of the police was killed. The attack by uniformed gendarmes met with fierce resistance on the part of the workers.

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, D. F., May 1.—More than 50,000 workers took part in May Day demonstrations

Foreign News Briefs

Soviet Union Second In Pig Iron Production

MOSCOW, May 3.—The Soviet Union now holds second place among the pig-iron producing countries of the world, and is producing sufficient to be able to export to 13 different countries. This is made possible by completion of huge metallurgical plants and over-fulfillment of the plan for pig-iron smelting. Strict chemical control and fulfillment of all conditions of chemical analysis make Soviet pig-iron most reliable in the foreign trading field.

Japan Makes Millions On Opium In China

SHANGHAI, China, May 3.—Northern China has become the principal market for the Japanese opium monopoly in Manchuria. Official figures show 1,200,000 opium smokers patronize 700,000 Japanese opium dens in Hopei province. Japanese consulates and military authorities maintain the monopoly and protect the dens.

Inflation Due In Fascist Countries

LONDON, England, May 3.—A delegation of Spanish bankers and industrialists is expected to arrive in London with requests for help from British bankers to prevent collapse of Spain's gold standard. London bankers feel sure the Spanish peseta must be devaluated by 20 per cent because of Spain's lack of foreign exchange. The fascist Lerroux government dreads the prospect of mass action against such a lowering of living standards. At the same time the latest report of the Bank of Italy brings predictions that Italy will soon go off the gold standard because of the unfavorable Italian trade balance. Mussolini has already put through a 17 per cent wage cut, telling the Italian workers they "have many lean years ahead, and must sacrifice and bear it."

Six Hundred French Sailors Win Better Food

PARIS, France, May 3.—Six hundred seamen stationed at the hydroplane base of the French Navy have carried through a militant action for better food than the bad stuff they were getting. At noon they refused to go to the kitchens for their rations. The commander sounded a roll-call and ordered them to get their rations, which they refused to do. He then called them up singly, obliging them to obey to avoid being punished for mutiny. But instead of eating the rations they threw them away. The canteen was ordered closed so they could not buy food, but the men still refused the rotten rations. In a conference with the men's leaders the commander finally agreed to report on the food to Toulon, and a few days later the rations were improved.

Italian Soldiers Protest Abyssinian Campaign

TURIN, Italy, May 3.—Soldiers ordered to leave for the Abyssinian front tore to bits neckerchiefs with the Fascist colors which had been given them as a special gift. While entraining at the station they conducted a veritable demonstration against having to go to war for their Fascist "fatherland."

Porto-Rican Longshoremen Strike

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 3.—Dockers in Porto Rico, together with workers on the sugar plantations, are presenting a united front in a strike for better wages and conditions that is spreading to all ports in the island. Efforts of the Winslip Wall Street Government to break the strike with terror and police protection of scabs is bringing out transport workers in solidarity strikes.

Supervisors Plan Anti-Labor Laws

RICHMOND, Calif., May 3.—The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will consider two prospective anti-labor ordinances as a special order of business on Monday, May 6, at 10 a. m. One is an anti-picketing ordinance, which is much desired by Standard Oil and Henry Ford; the other would make red-squad sheriffs of local constables and would empower them to appoint special deputies in times of strike.

Petitions against both measures are being circulated throughout Contra Costa County.

here despite a boiling hot sun and police intimidation. Uniformed soldiers with guns and bayonets lined the streets and at one time threatened to close in on the marchers.

Socialists Demand Expulsion of Lang

DEMAND HEARST TOADY BE EXPOSED FOR LYING ARTICLES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 2.—The expulsion from the Socialist Party of Abe Cahan, editor of the "Socialist" Jewish Daily Forward, and Harry Lang, managing editor, is demanded in a resolution passed by the West Moreland County Committee of the Socialist Party. Similar action against Hearst's two latest recruits has been taken by the Socialist Party branch of New Kensington.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 2.—The Forward Association, publishers of the Jewish Daily Forward, in a resolution passed this week has condemned the action of Harry Lang in writing typical anti-Soviet lies for the Hearst Newspapers. This action is seen as a maneuver to placate the tremendous protest raised by Forward readers and rank and file Socialists.

The resolution in part, says: "We regard this conduct as a crime against the Socialist and labor movement of the United States and the recognized principles and usages of our movement. Meanwhile, Abe Cahan, editor of the Forward has joined his pal Lang in lining up with the Hearst labor-haters by publishing in the Forward a long article in defense of Lang and his rank slanderous attack upon the Soviet Union recently published by Hearst papers all over the country. Thousands of protests from liberals, Socialist Party members and locals have flooded the Forward office since the publication of the Lang article."

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World Events and Western Workers

Wall St. Silver Policy Means Starvation In Mexico, China

By Emmett Kirby

Roosevelt Decree Bringing Financial Collapse Is Death Sentence to Millions of Chinese Workers, Peasants—Hitler, Poland Agree to Free Passage of German Troops Through Polish Territory

stern effect here, strikes the silver countries like an earthquake and hurricane rolled into one.

Now China has, under the rule of Chiang Kai-Shek, for many years been undergoing the severest economic crisis in its history. Even the New York Times admitted, just before Roosevelt's silver price increases, that around 12 million Chinese workers and peasants faced starvation. Roosevelt's silver policy may well double that number.

* The Scheme

Here's briefly the way it works: The rise in silver prices drains the country of silver. Most of the metal is sent to Shanghai and Hongkong. From there it goes to the United States or other world markets to get the higher prices.

The Chinese banks, denuded of silver, do not have enough metal to meet demands on paper money—which is always suspect in China. Runs on the banks develop. The central Chinese banks, hard hit, tighten up on the provincial

banks, which are really pawn shops and usurers' dens. The rates of interest go up. They are already crushing now. The peasants, who work on the slimmest margin, depending on loans from the usurers to buy seed crop, can't possibly meet the interest charges. Others cannot get silver to pay their debts. Millions will lose their land or be unable to grow a crop this year.

* Small Merchants Hit

For the small Chinese business man the situation is just as bad. He can't borrow to run his business. Prices go up and he can't compete with the imperialist concern. The big imperialists reap a harvest in the speculation of silver and in driving out the smaller Chinese bankers and business men.

With money stringent, the Chiang Kai-Shek government runs into deeper financial crisis, at a critical stage of the war against Chinese Soviets. Chiang Kai-Shek tries to cure the situation by increasing taxes. The peasant, al-

ready hit by higher interest rates and his difficulty in obtaining silver or other money, now has the new crushing taxes put on him.

Those who have silver in China, fearing confiscation (remembering that Roosevelt ordered all gold to be turned in, as the Mexican government is now calling in the silver), bury it or hide it. Thus the country, whose commercial lifeblood is silver, discloses its pernicious anemia. Nor is it just a repetition of the American and Mexican situation. Paper money in China without silver backing is just—paper, not as useful as face tissue.

If Roosevelt deliberately set out to undermine Chiang Kai-Shek's financial condition and to increase his difficulties by a planned campaign of starvation, he couldn't do it any better than he is now with his policy of silver inflation.

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* Hitler's Submarines

Britain is learning from the new Nazi submarine program what Maxim Litvinoff meant when he

told Captain Eden about the Nazi gun which can be pointed also in another direction than the Soviet Union and shoot just as accurately.

Nothing so throws the fear of war into the hearts of the British bourgeoisie as the subs. Even the problematical destruction of air raids is less fearsome. Britain remembers that she pretty completely thwarted the intended effects of the Zeps during 1914-18. But the subs, which almost forced Britain to her knees by starvation, are still well remembered.

In speeding up his war preparations Hitler is, building a complete war machine, and that includes submarine fleets. This makes it rather difficult for Nazi lovers in London—such as Detering, Lord Simon and Latham—to convince the British working class of Hitler's pacific intentions. But what would you?

* New Nazi Pact

To the East, Hitler's actions equally belie his peace-mongering phrases. Last week there came to

light a secret agreement between Germany and Poland, not a non-aggression, but PROVIDING FOR FREE PASSAGE OF GERMAN TROOPS THROUGH POLISH TERRITORY TO THE EAST AND NORTHEAST.

To the east and northeast lies the Soviet Union—nothing else. The agreement published in the paper of the former French minister Lamoureux, also declares that:

"In the event of international complications" Germany and Poland pledge to make contact with each other so as to draw up measures which "they consider useful to adopt", and pledge themselves to "unite their military, economic and financial forces" and render each other support.

It is of particular importance to note that in this agreement nothing is mentioned concerning defense against aggression; this is a straight, out and out war pact.

Each of these steps of Hitler brings the world danger of imperialist war closer and makes more imperative day by day the need of putting into immediate action the plan of the Congress Against War and Fascism held here recently.

WHERE TO GO...

— **San Francisco** —
DANCING EVERY SAT
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THE SPARTACUS CLUB is giving a banquet and entertainment for the benefit of the Greek Workers press. The program includes cats and entertainment. Everybody come Sunday, May 5th, 8 p. m., at 364 Tlifford St. Admission 50 cents.

AXIM GORKY CULTURAL SOCIETY Presents one act New Soviet Comedy "Unsuccessful Day" by M. Zashenko. Saturday May 11, 8 p. m. Bonita Hall, 24th and Folsom Sts., Admission 25 cents.

— *Oakland* —

THE ANNUAL WORKERS' PICNIC will be held May 12th at the Elmhurst Gardens Park, 81st Ave., South of East Fourteenth Street. A variety of contest games, skits and speeches will supply amusement for all. Featuring the picnic will be PRIZE DANCING. Delicious sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be served.

Los Angeles
Workers forum, 230 S. Spring
st., L. A. Every Sunday night—8
p.m. Admission ten cents.

**L. D. PICNIC, Sunday, May
19**, at Whitingwoods in La Cre-
centa. Dancing, sports, program
and meals. Admission 25c. Do
not arrange conflicting affairs.

We now have a regular Workers' Correspondence editor who will take care of your letters, answer them and your questions in regard to methods of presenting the facts. All letters will be acknowledged upon receipt.

When Silva remarked that Heier and Attorney Collins, speaking for the International Seamen's Union Defense Committee, had declared that the prisoners must accept the defense they offered or the unions would drop the case, Elaine Black of the International Labor Defense told Silva that the defendants should have the final

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HOW TO PREVENT WAR

You could not halt the ravages of a wild beast by passing resolutions. Nor can war be stopped by arousing unorganized sentiment.

This fact was well understood at the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism.

The fight against both war and fascism is a fight against capitalism. This too was recognized by the 405 delegates representing 238,900 people. An atmosphere of seriousness and determination reigned over the gathering. They were present to decide on a plan of action and to make arrangements to carry it out.

What are our weapons? This was the underlying theme of every speaker. We are opposing the most dangerous and brutal force on earth. We are lifting our bare hands against bayonets. With what can we fight? Wherein does our greatest power lie? This was the burning question of the Congress.

It was working-class power to which they turned. The weapon of a General Strike of labor in event of declaration of war was emphasized throughout the proceedings.

The Congress was correct in recognizing the strong arm of organized labor as the most powerful working-class force. But there is a danger in placing too much emphasis on this method. It must never be supposed that the working-class can sit idly back and depend upon a General Strike "when the time comes."

The time to fight war and fascism is right now. What success could we hope for in a General Strike if the unions are allowed to remain in the treacherous hands of the employers' agents who now comprise the top leadership of the A. F. of L.? If the anti-war and anti-fascist movement is to depend upon working-class power, then every means of strengthening that power is a basic part of the movement. Every feature of the class struggle, every fight of the working-class for wages, relief or democratic rights is, at the same time, a fight against war.

The fight against war and fascism is the fight of one class against another. The working-class suffers by war. The employing class gains. The employing class knows every weapon that the workers can use to stop war, and is constantly seeking to disarm them.

They try to isolate the armed forces and block them from any solidarity with their fellow workers in industry. Solidarity with the soldiers and sailors MUST BE ACHIEVED. Refusal of troops to turn their rifles on their fellow workers is an important part of a General Strike.

Steps are taken to develop race antagonisms, to separate the Negro, Mexican and other workers from the whites and play them one against the other.

These and countless other tricks are as much a part of war preparations as the building of a battleship. And every one of them must be met and defeated.

Anyone entering the fight against war and fascism is entering the class struggle. An understanding of that struggle is essential to the success of the Pacific Coast Congress.

JOIN WITH YOUR COMRADES

You know the facts as well as we do.

You are not satisfied with your job. Your wages are unfair and inadequate. You have no security. Your boss can fire you tomorrow for any reason he chooses and you would be dependent on the charity doled out by the stingy hands of relief.

The newspapers are full of lies dictated by your employers. The depression has been making wreckage of your life and the lives of your family and friends for six years and conditions are getting steadily worse.

All the lands and industries are owned by a small minority of millionaires who rule over them like Czars. The alleged political democracy of America is sheer pretense and all the offices of government are firmly controlled by the industrial masters.

The government is not trying to solve the problems of the depression but is trying to preserve capitalism.

The world is on the verge of another war in which the United States is as much involved as any other country.

Fascism threatens the United States as the industrial monarchs prepare to use armed force to protect their hog's share from the struggles of organized workers.

We could go on listing a hundred more facts and you would reply that you not only know it but have known it for a long time.

THE QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

The world has got to be changed. But this will not occur until those who want the change organize in a determined body and change it.

You can't do anything by yourself. But millions of workers all over the world think exactly the same as you do. You are not alone. You have comrades who are united in the Communist Party. It's up to you to join with these comrades and do your share.

The world cannot be changed in a day's parading. It's a big job and you've got to know what you are doing. It requires sacrifice, hard work and courage. You've got to know the nature of the thing you are fighting against and you've got to know what you are working for, and how to go about it.

But it is better to be struggling with comrades than to take it lying down.

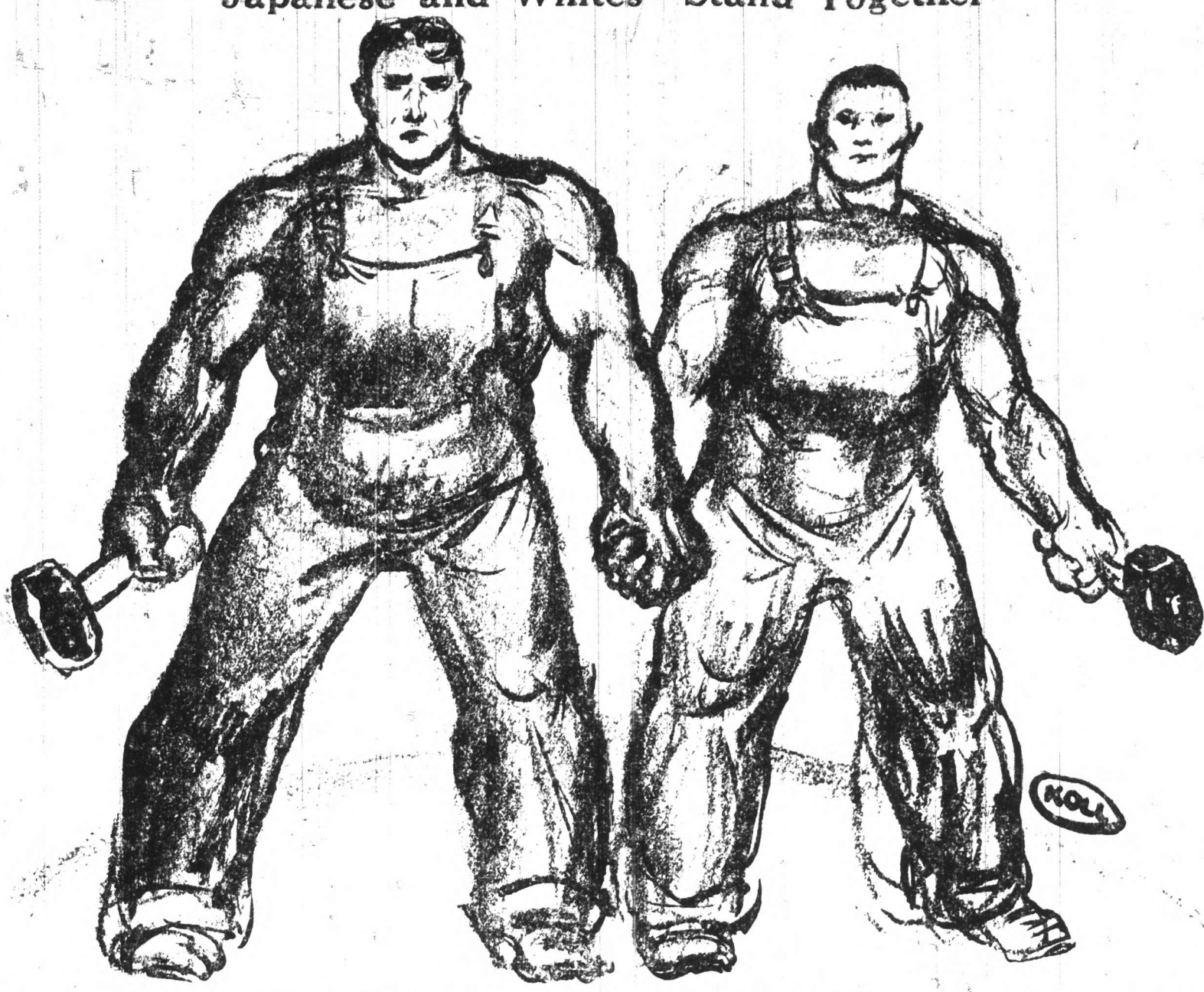
It is your job to join the Communist Party and do your share.

COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.,
37 Grove Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

[] I want more information about the Party.
[] I want to join the Party.

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Address.....
City.....

Japanese and Whites—Stand Together



American Student in Moscow

By Milton O'Rourke

This letter, the eighth we have published by this writer, is from Milton O'Rourke, former University of California student, who is now studying science and philosophy in the Soviet Union.

With this letter we are closing the series.

Moscow, March 2nd.
A squad, or company, or battalion of Red Armyists marching down the street with their rifles, bayonets fixed, over their shoulders, is a common sight in Moscow. Often they sing revolutionary songs as they march along with closed, compact ranks. I still haven't got over being excited at seeing a column of them swarming along. They look so solid and sure, and so unlike any other soldiers I've ever seen. They sing with wonderful spirit, a single voice usually leading the verse, and then the whole column joining in on the chorus, sending a great wave of noise down the street. A workers' army, sworn to defend all toilers, marching in their famous pointed caps and long overcoats, and singing songs about the international solidarity of the working class.

Armed Proletariat

It is however, one of the peculiarities about this place, that the army in uniform doesn't have

a monopoly on the military equipment. Not long ago I was walking down one of the principal streets about ten o'clock at night, and as I passed a big stone gateway opening into a paved courtyard, I heard a group of men singing a stirring song. It sounded good in the sharp night air and I went back and into the courtyard. There were about a dozen workmen at the far side, some with rifles, bayonets fixed, over their shoulders, others holding the barrels of their grounded guns, singing lustily.

—Then, just the other day, a workman passed me with a military rifle over his shoulder. He didn't seem to be going anywhere in particular, for he stopped and looked for quite awhile at the stills in front of the movie on the corner. The people on the street hardly noticed him, and no one said in surprise, "Where are you going with that artillery?" It was a common sight to attract attention.

About one in every three persons—men or women—wears either a marksmanship badge or a Prepared for Labor and Defense medal. It is, of course, typical for the bourgeoisie press to see in these things not their real and obvious meaning, the arming of the working class, but "militarism."

* Moscow Subway

Also, contrary to the woeful accounts the capitalist newspapers print about "faced filled with fear," and the "horrible oppression of the human soul that is supposed to make life in Moscow unbearable, there is a real light-heartedness and gaiety, a real exuberance, about life here.

On a free day about three weeks ago, I walked out to the Park of Culture and Rest. It was a mild winter day and the streets were full of people. The beaver-board shell which is built around construction projects that are being worked on in the winter, had just been taken down from the new subway station at the Kropotkin square. And the people in the crowd that surrounded it had the biggest cartoonish smiles! The fine modern station with METRO across the top in electric lights was the first tangible result many of the people had seen of the great amount of labor that had gone into the subway.

It meant for them another triumph of Soviet construction. So they had built a great subway, too! They were proud of the station, and walked around it, viewing it from all sides, peering in the big glass windows at the marble stairways and fine mural paintings.

Comradely,

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENTS

San Francisco, Cal.,
April 27, 1935.

Comrade Editor:

After reading the article by Milton O'Rourke, "American Student in Moscow," in the Western Worker, an idea came to me that there must be a lot of women in Russia who would like to write to American women but have no acquaintances here to write to.

It is my idea to form a correspondence club and exchange names and addresses of those who wish to write. Will you please answer me in the Western Worker as to how this can be done. Hoping that you can give us the help we need. For a Workers and Farmers Government.

Comradely—M. G.

Editor's Note: Probably the best way to get in touch with Russian women workers is to pick some prominent factory in the U.S.S.R. and write to the workers of that factory. Every factory in Russia has a special committee for the purpose of answering these letters from abroad.

"OUR" REPRESENTATIVES

Los Angeles, Calif.,
April 20, 1935.

Comrade Editor:

Here is an excerpt from a private letter from a worker who has visited Sacramento and has seen the State Legislature at work:

"Now I know how this state of 'ours' is run. The lobbyist who furnishes the most liquor gets his bills passed. I have been to several parties given for assemblymen by lobbyists, and their closets are stacked to the ceiling with case after case of good whiskeys. How these assemblymen get away with it is beyond me. Some of them are so drunk they can hardly stand, and they don't even try to hide it. One senator I met has been drunk ever since I first saw him, and he even attends sessions that way.

"These sessions by the way are better than any threatening circus I ever went to. The arguments they present! It's a wonder we have any laws at all. Instead of discussing the bill before the House, they spend their time making dirty remarks about each other.

"I've been to several committee rooms. It was like a visit to the zoo. Everyone squabbling like cats and dogs, not one listening to what anyone else had to say."

Comradely,

M. A.

READ OUR LITERATURE

Sierra Madre, Calif.,
April 5, 1935.

Dear Comrades:

In your issue of April 5, 1935, in the Open Forum Column, you have a letter written by John Gray, Chico, Calif., in which he submits that we need a change but the change must come, "slowly, surely, stealthily," etc., within the framework of the present system.

At least we can say that Comrade Gray has passed the first stage in his political and economic education. He has come to the conclusion that we need a change—a new social order. He now needs to follow that first step with successive steps.

For a start, he should first obtain three pamphlets just published by International Publishers at 15 cents each, under the heading "Political Education." These are entitled "The Two Worlds," "The Ultimate Aim," and "The Communist Party." These will give comrade Gray the groundwork, the practical theories of Communism, its aim, direction and usage.

Yours, H. L.

FREE TOM MOONEY!

Santa Rosa, Calif.,
April 29, 1935.

Dear Comrades:

For eighteen long years Tom Mooney has been incarcerated in the fascist prison of San Quentin. All workers who care to know, realize that Tom is a martyr for the cause that all red-blooded workers should be fighting for. All workers with any self-respect should be ashamed to walk erect as long as Comrade Mooney remains in jail.

Mass pressure is the only weapon at our disposal. Let us use it. May 30 is known as Decoration Day. Let us utilize that day as a day of mass visitation to San Quentin where Mooney and McNamara and other victims of class justice are spending the best part of their lives for the workers.

We can assemble in San Rafael, march to the prison gates and send a representation to call on these victims and to present our greeting. All out for a mass visit to Mooney, McNamara and other working-class prisoners at San Quentin.

Comradely Yours,

Vernon Healy.

What The Communist Party Means To You

By E. K.

This May Day millions of workers throughout the world, demonstrated against imperialist war and fascism, against wage-cut and for the adequate relief the unemployed need to live in some thing resembling a decent standard.

In all of these demonstrations and meetings the Communist Party took a leading part. In other cases, where the reactionary A. F. of L. officials and Socialist Party leaders refused to join any united front, the Communists led this struggle entirely.

Why do the Communists do this? What does this Party stand for?

With seventeen million unemployed in this country alone, with more than 60 per cent of the national wealth in the hands of one per cent of the population while 87 per cent own less than ten per cent, there is no need to tell any workers, farmers, or unemployed professionals that a change in this social system is needed. There is no need to tell you who that one per cent who own most of the wealth is—you are not part of it.

This mass discontent of the dispossessed must be organized into a force strong enough to achieve the change which will do away with all exploitation. That system of one man profiting from the labor of another is the basis for our present starvation and unemployment. Do you think the Republican Party of Hoover will do it? Or that the Democratic Party of Roosevelt, who allows to the unemployed only what they have forced from him, will do it?

But the Communist Party, which fights for the demands of the working class has a program which will. When you millions who have not yet joined the Party, do so, you will be solidifying the strength of the working-classes to the point where that change can be accomplished which will free all producers from exploitation and end the warring interests of different classes.

The Communist Party is made up of workers. They have ex-

perienced in their own lives the sufferings of their class. They have seen these abuses existing all around them, and they are that part of the working-class, having seen this, have said "This misery and exploitation must stop!"

* The First Immediate Steps.

In organizing the masses of the working-classes—workers, farmers, professionals—for this ultimate struggle, the Communist Party takes the lead in local and immediate struggles. These are strikes—against wage-cut, layoffs, speedups which make one man produce twice as much while it lays off the other man, or against any of the other abuses suffered by the working-class. The General Strike, in which the Communist Party took an active part last year, won increases in the pay and better working conditions for tens of thousands of marine workers.

In the great agricultural strikes of the year before millions of dollars were won for the cotton and fruit pickers and the increased scale set which remained, in large part for this year.

Against evictions of the unemployed, workers who are jobless through no fault of their own but victims of the years' crisis, the Communist Party fights constantly, and with great success. In the country, they are, in the front of the farmers' fight against foreclosures, etc.

For unemployment and social insurance, as embodied in the Congressional Bill H. R. 2827 and the California State Assembly Bill 791, the Party leads. These bills, unlike the ones proposed by Wall Street agents and backed by some A. F. of L. officials, provide real relief for ALL the unemployed and not at the expense of the wage-cut workers who still have jobs but at the expense of the big corporations and the government through tax on big incomes.

These are but a few of the things the Communist Party does in helping the workers along the path of struggle which will win them freedom. A detailed list

would fill the six pages of this paper. But of outstanding importance is the rallying through the formation of united fronts of all elements sympathetic to the workers to aid their struggles, and that principle of equality of workers of all races regardless of color or nationality or religion.

* Two Fields of Same Struggle

The Communist Party, while leading in economic struggles, is nevertheless a political party, on the ballot in forty-two states. Formerly, erroneously, these two phases of the class struggle were kept apart. There were unions, and there was the Socialist Party. But the sharpening of the struggle in the last few years has made it apparent to all that the Communists are correct in saying that the two are different faces of the same coin. No strike happens that does not bring out the forces of the state, of the political apparatus, to suppress the workers.

Can this change in the social system not be brought about as the Socialist Party leaders say without any force, but simply by the ballot box? The disfranchisement of a huge portion of the working class, the technicalities of parliamentary system prevent it, and when these do not, then, as has happened many times, the elected workers are prevented from taking the seats they won.

The Socialist Party leaders, while they constantly shout these illusions, themselves use violence against the workers, as has happened in Milwaukee where police clubs of a "Socialist" administration were used against the unemployed. Or they aid the bosses terrorism by aiding their attacks on the workers, and in many cases helping betray their strikes. Are these, then, leaders you would follow?

The Communist Party has no illusions about the ballot box revolution. The ruling class will not give up its profits and power because they get outvoted. But in the sharpening of the class struggle they inevitably become weakened and the working classes become stronger from their experiences and organizations. When

the bosses are no longer able to rule—and their present inability to master the six-year crisis shows they are near that point—and when the majority of the people favor that change, then it will come and the Communist Party, because it expresses the demands of those workers, in a concrete program and plan of action, will inevitably lead it.

* A Labor Party

The Communist Party, pointing to the inability of the workers to get any better conditions through the bosses' parties, propose a broad Labor Party, based on the class struggle and the membership of the trade unions and other organizations of the workers, including the unemployed. In this movement the Party would not lose its identity but will put forward its own candidates or back the candidates whose sincerity and adherence to the class struggle is known.

In the trade unions, the Communist Party works in the locals for restoring these unions to its members, giving the rank and file control and through this means turning them into weapons of class struggle for which their members organized them.

Everyone knows that the capitalists are organized not only as a class but on an international scale. Any serious attempt of the workers to end the profit system must be similarly organized. Through the broad program of the Communist International, Communist Parties exist in all countries, where they lead in the struggles of the workers of these countries.

Their international actions against imperialist war, in which the workers are always the losers, and against fascism, which, being the final desperate stage of capitalism breeds wars as its only means to save itself, have been proven particularly effective. The monster demonstrations against war held under leadership of the Party or United Fronts, in every country have, on single, specified days such as May Day and August 1st shown the determination of

the working class all over not to be butchered for profits of war makers.

These international actions, together with the determined peace policy of the Soviet Union, where the workers and farmers rule, for two or three years so far have actually postponed war in a world that is now as ripe for it as in 1914. They have forced the bosses in many cases to give concessions instead of silencing the unemployed in the gunfire of the battlefield.

In the Soviet Union, exploitation has ceased, since the workers and peasants took over power eighteen years ago, they have been building toward Socialism. The Five Year Plans have shown how the workers can plan their own economy without exploitation.

What would such a thing mean in the United States, one of the most industrially developed countries in the world?

* What We Could Win

Today many have no income whatever; other millions of them live on as little as \$3 a week from relief. But they produced the wealth. In 1928 the national wealth, divided by the total population would have meant \$750 a year each, or \$2250 a year for a family of three. You did not get that because it went to the profit. In the USSR, an industrially backward country, they were able in the first Five Year Plan to increase output 300 per cent and abolish unemployment. If they could do it, with our industrially developed country, we could do at least as well. If we add to this all the cultural advantages now denied the workers but which would be free—such as old age pensions, accident insurance, free hospitalization, education, etc.—we could within a period of less than ten years—because Socialism is so incomparably more scientific and efficient than competitive chaotic capitalism—raise the average income of purchasing power to a standard of living now measured by an income of \$20,000 for a family of three. And that is but a beginning.

If in this brief outline you see

the
Latest Lies
From the
Capitalist Press
•BY COOLEY•

Oh, the scab upon the ship
Shot the striker on the dock.
Because he thought the striker
Had an awful nasty rock.

Then coppers came with riot
sticks

To break the striker's head.
STRIKERS BITE A SHIP AND
FIGHT POLICE!
Is what the papers said.

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In its issue of April 13 the Seattle, Wash., Star reports a day's work on the tanker strike front: "Whether charges will be placed against A. A. Alexander . . . for firing the shot which wounded a member of the tanker seamen's strike committee last night, was to be determined at an investigation scheduled to start this afternoon."

"A (striking) seaman . . . was arrested by Patrolmen Anthony Cocian and R. E. Littlefield. He was charged with disorderly conduct, with bail set at \$100. Police said he had rocks in his hands."

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Make your own comment.
The Colusa, Calif., Daily Times in its April 12 issue has an editorial I'm thinking of framing and hanging over my desk. It says: "Through a systematic, well financed, intelligently directed campaign conducted through various publications—principally the Western Worker . . . etc."

On behalf of the staff I thank the Colusa Daily Times for admitting we're intelligent—and forgive him his ignorance of our financial struggles.

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The same editorial proceeds: ". . . the criminal syndicalism act has, in the minds of many, come to be regarded as class legislation, vicious, un-American, directed against workers, etc."

"This is all wrong. The facts prove it. It is a move of the Communist and all radical interests to get a firmer grip on the state government."

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After reading the whole editorial three times I'm about to say the writer of it is not as intelligent and well-directed as he thinks we are.

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A column entitled, "Merely Some Private Thoughts" by C. K. McClatchey, in the Sacramento Bee makes us wonder who told McClatchey he was a thinker. On April 17 he wrote: "Colonel Henry Sanborn, militant anti-radical leader, told the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors the other day that Communists planned the recent strike violence at the Crockett sugar refineries from their headquarters at 37 Grove Street, San Francisco."

He says he knows whereof he speaks because he was present."

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That must have been the nice gentleman we had in for tea that afternoon.

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We thought it was odd when he spilled the cream all over our maps.

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The San Francisco News assures us it's a "white newspaper," and a liberal friend of man. But doesn't it have any code of ethics to bar such lies as this one, appearing in its April 23 issue?

"60 JAILED IN RED PLOT IN HUNGARY—Uprising Assertedly Scheduled for European Labor Day, May 1."

"Budapest, Hungary, April 23.—60 persons . . . were arrested today charged with complicity in a Communist plot against the government, to be started May 1. May 1 is the European labor day, May Day, and a favorite one for radical demonstrations."

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May 1 is NOT a "European" labor day, as the News would evidently like to have American workers believe. It's an INTERNATIONAL day of struggle for workers throughout the world. And the American workers began it long before the workers of Europe ever heard of it.

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The News was probably telling the truth when it said 60 persons were arrested in Hungary.

what can be gained by joining the Communist Party and fighting through the present struggles to a Soviet America, then get in touch with the worker who gave you or sold you this paper. He can give you more literature which will explain things, or send you to a Party representative. Otherwise write directly to the Communist Party, 37 Grove Street, San Francisco, or to the Workers Center, 224 S. Spring St., Los Angeles.